Pension to 1984 riot victims

1127. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned pension to the people who had lost their family members in 1984 riots in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many such people were sanctioned pensions, since when and at what rate;

(c) what were the norms and conditions for eligibility to such pension;

(d) whether it is a fact that this pension has been stopped, recently; and

(e) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (e) The Government have sanctioned ad-hoc relief to the persons of following categories :

(i) Persons above the age of 60 years who were affected by November, 84 riots and had lost an earning member or a would be earning member.

(ii) Widows who could not be provided employment or who are incapable of doing a job. Initially the relief was allowed @ Rs. 400/- per month provided they have no source of income.

On 16-3-1990, the Government of India issued orders that the quantum of ad-hoc relief to the persons above age of 60 years and the widows would be increased from Rs. 400/- per month to Rs. 1000/- per month with effect from 15-3-1990.

On 18-6-1990, the Government of India issued orders that with effect from 16-6-1990, the widows will, in addition, be paid @ Rs. 1000/- per month till one employable son/daughter becomes an earning member.

Ad hoc relief @ Rs. 1000/- per month has been provided to 109 persons above the age of 60 years affected by 1984 riots.

As per the information received from the Delhi Administration, the number of widows who were sanctioned ad hoc relief from 1987-88 upto 30-9-1992 was 338.

The number of widows provided additional relief of Rs. 1000/ per month till one employable son/daughter becomes an earning member is 88.

The schemes sanctioning ad hoc relief to the aged and the widows have been in un-interrupted operation since their inception. Only in respect of persons who have ceased to be eligible, ad hoc relief has been discontinued. In respect of aged persons relief has been discontinued in 51 cases in 1990-91 and 1991-92 on grounds of these persons having an earning or employable member in their family. In respect of widows, the relief has been discontinued in 110 cases out of 338 between 1988-89 and 1991-92 on account of their having been provided employment or leaving Delhi or re-marriage or death. In respect of widows provided with additional relief, such relief has been discontinued in 51 cases on ground of employment having been provided either to them or their family members, widows having left Delhi or having died.

Meeting of Political Parties on Kashmir Issue

1128. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Home Minister had held meetings with representatives of different political parties on Kashmir problem;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Home Minister held a meeting with the representatives of different political parties in Delhi in October, 1992, to discuss the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, and to consider ways and means of activising political forces in the State, increasing the participation of the